



Captain Ryan B. Scholl United States Navy

Executive Officer USS Enterprise (CVN 65)

Captain Ryan B. Scholl, a native of Beltsville, Maryland, attended Princeton University where he played Varsity Football and majored in Electronic Materials and Devices. He graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He received his commission as an Ensign from Aviation Officer Candidate School earning the Distinguished Naval Graduate. After he was designated a Naval Aviator in February 1990, Captain Scholl reported to VA-122 in NAS Lemoore, California for A-7E replacement pilot training.

In September 1990, Captain Scholl was assigned to the "Gunslingers" of VA-105 at Cecil Field, Florida and soon thereafter Scholl made one Mediterranean deployment in VFA-105 aboard USS KENNEDY (CV 67). Captain Scholl was awarded the 1993 Carrier Air Wing Three Pilot of the Year and won the 1993 M. Scott Speicher Award for ordnance delivery precision. In July of 1994, he was selected to the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron to serve as a demonstration pilot. Captain Scholl was the Narrator, Opposing Solo Pilot, and Lead Solo Pilot in his three seasons with the Blue Angels.

Following this assignment, Captain Scholl reported to the "Rampagers" of VFA-83 in March 1998 for his department head tour and made two Mediterranean/Arabian Gulf deployments aboard USS EISENHOWER (CVN 69) and USS WASHINGTON (CVN 73). Captain Scholl was awarded the 2000 CSFWL Mike Longhardt Leadership Award. In March 2001, he reported to the Navy War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and graduated "with distinction" earning a Master of Arts Degree in Strategic Studies one year later. Captain Scholl subsequently attended the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain Scholl reported to VFA-81 as Executive Officer in April 2003, and assumed command of the "Sunliners" on 2 September 2004. During his tenure in command of VFA-81, the squadron earned the Secretary of Defense Phoenix Award for Maintenance Excellence (Small Command), the Captain, Naval Air Forces, Atlantic Fleet Battle "E" Award for the top Fighter/Attack squadron on the East Coast, the McClusky Award for the top Attack squadron in the US Navy, and the Estocin Award as the top Fighter/Attack squadron in the U. S. Navy. Captain Scholl's change of command ceremony was on 16 December 2005.

In November 2005, Captain Scholl was selected for Nuclear Aircraft Carrier pipeline and was subsequently selected for command of the Joint Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), Asadabad, Afghanistan. After standing up and organizing this new unit, these 35 Sailors and 70 Soldiers completed training and deployed in April 2006. His PRT conducted hundreds of construction, governance and humanitarian assistance missions in Kunar and Nuristan provinces. Captain Scholl's transfer of command ceremony of this ground combat unit in Kunar Province Afghanistan was conducted on 19 April 2007. Following his IA tour he completed the Nuclear Power Training pipeline and reported as Executive Officer of USS ENTERPRISE in June 2009.

Captain Scholl's personal decorations include the Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Strike/Flight Air Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various unit, campaign and service ribbons. He has accumulated more than 4,200 tactical jet flight hours and 734 carrier landings.

